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SUBJECT: FOREIGN COMMERCIAL OFFICES OUTSIDE HOST COUNTRY'S

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1. FROEIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS STATE THAT NORMALLY ECONOMIC/ COMMERCIAL/FINANCIAL OFFICES LOCATED OUTSIDE THE HAGUE DO NOT REPEAT NOT ENJOY DIPLOMATIC STATUS AND PRIVILEGES. ONLY CURRENT EXCEPTIONIS SOVIET TRADE MISSION IN AMSTERDAM WHICH ("BECAUSE OF AN EARLIER POST-WAR DIPLOMATIC MISTAKE") STILL ENJOYS FULL DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY INCLUDING IMMUNITY OF PREMISES AS THOUGH IT WERE PART OF AND EXTENSION OF SOVIET EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE.

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2. SOVIET TRADING ORGANIZATIONS LIKE LICENSINTORG CAN AND

DO FORM JOINT COMPANIES WITH DUTCH PARTNERS ALTHOUGH DUTCH
EXERCISE CLOSE CONTROL OVER VISAS AND ALSO ATTEMPT TO
APPLY TESTS OF PROFITABILITY AND DEMONSTRATED BENEFIT
TO NETHERLANDS AS WELL AS COMPARABILITY OF TREATMENT FOR
DUTCH FIRMS OR BUSINESSMEN IN SOVIET UNION. GON HAS USED
WITHHOLDING OF VISAS AS DEVICE TO CLOSE DOWN SOVFRACHT
IN ROTTERDAM AND HAS THUS FAR RESISTED SOVIET EFFORTS TO
OPEN TRANS WORLD MARINE OR SIMILAR OFFICES IN ROTTERDAM,
AND GON HAS RECEIVED BELGIAN COOPRATION IN THAT BELGIAN
GOVERNMENT HAS INSTRUCTED THE FIVE OR SIX SOVIET DIRECTORS
OF BELGIAN TRANS WORLD MARINE RESIDING IN ANTWERP THAT THEY
MUST CEASE TRAVELING TO ROTTERDAM.
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